Miami Dade County

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Board of County Commissioners

NOTE

Additional items will be distributed in a supplement on Monday, October 18, 2004.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO AMEND THE FY 2004 ACTION PLAN TO REFLECT THE RECAPTURE OF FY 1996 - FY 2004 INCLUDING \$5,569,964 OF HOME FUNDS, \$310,000 OF HOME/CHDO, AND \$69,374 OF HODAG FUNDS FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS WITH UNEXPENDED BALANCES, PROJECTS WITH EXPIRED CONTRACTS, AND PROJECTS THAT ARE NO LONGER VIABLE WITH THE REALLOCATION OF THESE FUNDS TO ACTIVITIES THAT CAN EXPEND THE FUNDS, AS INDICATED IN EXHIBIT I; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Office of Community and Economic Development

I. SUMMARY

This item authorizes the recapture of HOME, HOME/CHDO, and HODAG funds from projects which are completed with a surplus, projects with expired contracts, and projects which are no longer feasible. The Item also reallocates funds to thirteen (13) Activities.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Ten (10) Activities were funded which were either completed with a surplus, the projects contract expired, or the projects is no longer feasible.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This Item reallocates funds to thirteen (13) Activities which are currently feasible.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

This is a reallocation of recaptured dollars.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Please see the attached list of Agencies and Activities which are losing or receiving funding.

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Source of Reallocated Funds						
Agency Name	Activity Name		Amount	District		
234 Tower, LLC	234 Tower LLC, Tower (4027)	\$	1,000,000	5		
Affordable Housing Solution	East Goulds	\$	500,000	9		
Brisas Del Mar	Brisas Del Mar Apartments	\$	200,000	5		
Family Resource Center	Liberty Center Transitions	\$	314,000	3		
Holly Pointe, LTD	Holly Pointe II, Rental Housing	\$	400,000	9		
Jubilee, CDC	Courtyards Multi Family	\$	100,000	9		
Villas At Naranja, LTD	Homes of Naranja	\$	500,000	9		
CODEC	Royal Palm Apartments	\$	500,000	1		
Affordable Housing Solution	FL Old Cutler	\$	47,900	1		
St John CDC	St John Townhomes	\$	69,374	3		

Recommended Reallocations							
Agency Name	Activity Name		Amount	District			
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami, Inc	Jordon Commons	\$	450,000	8			
JL Brown Development Corporation	Townhomes at Villa Capri	\$	500,000	9			
Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc	6601 NE Miami Place	\$	250,000	3			
Seapines Homeowners Association, Inc	Housing Reh of Multi-Family Residential	\$	200,000	9			
Universal Truth, CDC	Vista Verde Housing Reh	\$	1,000,000	1			
West Perrine CDC	Florida City Housing Dev	\$	100,000	9			
Riverside Homes, LLC	Riverside Homes, LLC	\$	500,000	2			
Altamira Associates, LTD	Altamira Const New Rental	\$	500,000	2			
Peninsula Housing Development Inc XVI	Royal Palm Apartments	\$	500,000	1			
Carrfour Corporation	City View Affordable Housing Dev.	\$	75,000	3			
Centro Campesino Farmworker Ct, Inc	Fla City Village Ph II, III & IV	\$	105,000	9			
St. John CDC	St. John Townhomes	\$	50,000	3			
Universal Truth, CDC	Vista Verde Housing Reh	\$	80,000	1			

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAPITAL TRUST AGENCY TO OPERATE WITHIN JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR CERTAIN LIMITED PURPOSES; APPROVING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL TRUST AGENCY REGARDING ITS ISSUANCE OF BONDS ON BEHALF OF AVBORNE HEAVY MAINTENANCE, LLC; APPROVING ISSUANCE BY CAPITAL AGENCY TRUST OF ITS REVENUE BONDS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000,000 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Commissioner Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AVBORNE HEAVY MAINTENANCE, INC., EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR ONE FOUR-YEAR TERM AND PROVIDING THAT PREMISES MAY BE USED FOR OTHER AVIATION RELATED USES; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS

Aviation Department

I. SUMMARY

Item 4(P) authorizes the Capital Trust Agency to issue Tax Exempt Revenue Bonds on behalf of Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000. State law requires that local governmental body authorize an Interlocal Agreement before the Revenue Bonds can be issued. These Bonds shall not be a debt, liability, or obligation of the County and shall be payable solely from the revenues of Avborne Heavy Maintenance Inc. A condition to the issuance of the Bonds is that Avborne's lease at Miami International Airport be extended to match the term of the Bonds.

Item 7(A)(1)(D) approves a four-year extension to the Development Lease Agreement between Avborne and the County. If Item 4(P) the approval of the Interlocal Agreement to authorizing the issue of Revenue Bonds is not approved, there is no need to extend this lease.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Resolution No. 392-98 approved a Development Lease Agreement with Professional Modification Services, Inc. The lessee was to construct an aircraft maintenance hanger building. In August of 1999, the lease was modified to change the name to Avborne Heavy Maintenance, Inc.

Avborne is in negotiations with Capital Trust Agency to refinance its debt relating to the hanger. Capital Trust Agency has set the, precondition that the developmental lease be extended by four years to match the terms of the financing.

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III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

Extending the term of the lease with Avborne will require that the competitive selection process of Section 8.1(b) of the Code be waived for this lease amendment.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The new financing is expected to allow Avborne to add approximately 125 new employees in 2005 and 130 new employees in 2006.

The extension of lease to Avborne has the potential to prevent the County from maximizing revenues through the competitive process in years 2030 to 2034.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

ITEM 7(E)(1)(B)RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA STORMWATER UTILITY REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004, PURSUANT TO SECTION 208 OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-187, ENACTED ON DECEMBER 15, 1998, FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY'S STORMWATER SYSTEM, FUNDING RESERVE ACCOUNT, WHETHER WITH PROCEEDS OF SERIES 2004 BONDS OR RESERVE ACCOUNT CREDIT FACILITY, FUNDING CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF NECESSARY, AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE, INCLUDING COSTS OF CREDIT FACILITY AND RESERVE ACCOUNT CREDIT FACILITY, IF ANY; APPROVING FORM OF BONDS; APPROVING SERIES 2004 PROJECT; PROVIDING CERTAIN DETAILS OF BONDS AND THEIR SALE; DELEGATING TO FINANCE DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE FINAL OTHER TERMS OF BONDS AND THEIR SALE, TO SECURE CREDIT FACILITY AND/OR RESERVE ACCOUNT CREDIT FACILITY AND TO SELECT PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR; PROVIDING FOR BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM; AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATED SALE AND AWARD OF BONDS TO UNDERWRITERS; APPROVING FORM AND EXECUTION OF BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; APPROVING FORM AND AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING FOR APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF BONDS; PROVIDING FOR FEDERAL TAX COVENANTS; PROVIDING CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COMMITMENT; AUTHORIZING COUNTY OFFICIALS TO DO ALL THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE, SALE, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

ITEM 4(O)
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000,000 OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA STORMWATER UTILITY REVENUE BONDS,
SERIES 2004, PURSUANT TO SECTION 208 OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-187, ENACTED
ON DECEMBER 15, 1998, FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN
ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY'S
STORMWATER SYSTEM, FUNDING RESERVE ACCOUNT, WHETHER WITH
PROCEEDS OF SERIES 2004 BONDS OR RESERVE ACCOUNT CREDIT FACILITY,
FUNDING CAPITALIZED INTEREST, IF NECESSARY, AND PAYING COSTS OF
ISSUANCE, INCLUDING COSTS OF CREDIT FACILITY AND RESERVE ACCOUNT
CREDIT FACILITY, IF ANY; PROVIDING THAT DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER
MATTERS RELATING TO SERIES 2004 BONDS BE DETERMINED IN SUBSEQUENT
RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Finance Department

BCC ITEM 4(Q) and 7(E)(1)(B) October 19, 2004

I. SUMMARY

Item 7(E)(1)(B)

This resolution authorizes issuance Stormwater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (the "Bonds") not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purposes of:

- (1) paying all or part of the costs of Series 2004 Project (see Exhibit A attached);
- (2) funding a reserve fund account and capitalized interest, if needed; and
- (3) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

This resolution also delegates to the appropriate County officials and the Finance Director the authority to perform all necessary actions in connection with this issuance, including the determination of various terms of the Bonds within the limitations in this resolution, in consultation with the County's Financial Advisor (P.G. Corbin & Company, Inc.) and Bond Counsel (Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP and The Knox Firm).

Item 4(Q)

This ordinance authorizes the issuance of Stormwater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 as described above. The Bonds are expected to be issued in November 2004.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

In 1998, the Board approved a Master Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$41.5 million in Stormwater Utility Revenue bonds to pay the costs of certain additions, extensions, renovations, and improvements to the County's stormwater system.

Based on the timing of this Bond issue and to market the Bonds when market conditions are most favorable, the County's Financial Advisor (P.G. Corbin & Company, Inc.) recommended that a negotiated sale, rather than a competitive bid, be utilized for this bond issue. In a negotiated sale, the County deals with one group of Underwriters led by a Senior Underwriter (all Underwriters are chosen from the County's Municipal Underwriting Pool) who will market (i.e. sell) the bonds to buyers, then negotiate fees and the price of bonds with the County before the bonds are issued.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

None. The County issues Stormwater Bonds to provide matching funds required by FEMA to fund major improvements for canal repair and mitigation, drainage system replacement and mitigation and drainage system cleaning.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Bonds are anticipated to be issued as fixed rate bonds (with a true interest cost no more than 6%) in an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 with maturity dates not to exceed 40 years. The Bonds are limited obligations that will be secured by a pledge of Stormwater Utility Revenues as described in the ordinance.

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The 2004 Bonds would pay for a portion (11.09%) of the total \$676 million in improvements to be done in the Series 2004 Project (Exhibit A). The balance would be paid for by FEMA.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

According to DERM, FEMA projects are site specific, to complete repair and mitigation work associated with storm damage (Hurricane Irene and the No-Name Storm). Monies allocated to this project cannot be transferred to other uses. The BCC District distribution was prepared using the GIS layer that shows how all projects are located within the districts.

EXHIBIT A

Miami-Dade County, Florida Stormwater Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 \$75,000,000 Project List

1. Project Name: Canal Repair & Mitigation

The repair and mitigation activities for the Secondary Canal Dredging Program include dredging, bank restor and culvert replacement. The program includes 79 secondary canals, approximately 200 miles.

Total Costs:

\$467,238,000

Amount to be Bonded:

\$51,800,000

Estimated Completion Date: July 2005

Location: see below.

2. Project Name: Drainage Systems Replacement & Mitigation

The repair and mitigation activities for the Drainage Replacement Program include installation of drainage structures, French drains, and piping. The program includes work at over 2000 sites.

Total Costs:

\$192,989,000

Amount to be Bonded:

\$21,396,000

Estimated Completion Date: July 2005

Location: see below.

3. Project Name: Drainage Systems Cleaning

The repair and mitigation activities for the Drainage System Cleaning Program include the cleaning of existing stormwater drainage structures, drainage piping, and slab-covered trenches. The program covered over 395 square miles

Total Costs:

\$16,273,000

Amount to be Bonded:

\$1,804,000

Estimated Completion Date: September 2003

Location: see below.

Grand Totals:

Total Costs

\$676,500,000

Amount to be Bonded

\$75,000,000

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	EXHIBIT A (continued) Series 2004 Projects By District					
Board of County					Miami-Dade County	
Commissioners	Canal	Drainage	Drainage	mer t	Amount to be	
Districts:	Repair	Replacement	Cleaning	Total	Bonded	
1	\$73,589,985	\$45,098,383	\$1,436,906	\$120,125,274	\$13,317 ,68 9	
2	3,364,114	25,945,722	1,371,814	30,681,650	3,401,546	
3	0	452,871	759,949	1,212,820	134,455	
4	0	2,358,702	877,115	3,235,817	358,737	
5	7,849,598	396,262	141,575	8,387,435	929,867	
6	58,264,579	424,566	698,112	59,387,257	6,583,922	
7	31,445,116	13,774,820	418,216	45,638,152	5,059,668	
8	18,736,244	23,681,368	1,863,258	44,280,870	4,909,207	
9	28,127,728	39,154,454	2,200,110	69,482,292	7,703,175	
.9 .10	62,189,378	20,473,534	1,111,446	83,774,358	9,287,620	
11	10,839,922	17,926,135	1,887,668	30,653,340	3,398,430	
12	102,512,017	3,302,183	2,929,140	108,743,340	12,055,742	
13	70,319,319	<u>o</u>	<u>577,691</u>	70,897,010	<u>7,859,942</u>	
Total	\$467,238,000	<u>\$192,989,000</u>	\$16,273,000	\$676,500,000	<u>\$75,000,000</u>	
	Details of	Amounts to	Be Bonded	By Project	W.	

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<u>Districts:</u>	Canal Repair	Drainage Replacement	Drainage <u>Cleaning</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$8,158,500	\$4,999,896	\$159,293	\$13,317,689
2	372,960	2,876,509	152,077	3,401,546
3	0	50,208	84,247	134,455
4	0	261,501	97,236	358,737
5	870,240	43,932	15,695	929,867
6	6,459,460	47,070	77,392	6,583,922
7	3,486,140	1,527,165	46,363	5,059,668
8	2,077,180	2,625,469	206,558	4,909,207
9	3,118,360	4,340,914	243,901	7,703,175
10	6,894,580	2,269,827	123,213	9,287,620
11	1,201,760	1,987,408	209,262	3,398,430
12	11,364,920	366,101	324,721	12,055,742
13	7,795,900	. 0	64,042	7,859,942
Total	\$51,800,000	\$21,396,000	<u>\$1,804,000</u>	\$75,000,000

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ORDINANCE, ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25B OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-115 CHANGING THE SCOPE OF THE ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FROM A HOMESTEAD EQUESTRIAN CENTER TO FOUR LOCAL PARKS AND ADJUSTING ALLOCATION FOR AMOUNT ALREADY EXPENDED ON HOMESTEAD EQUESTRIAN CENTER; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Dennis C. Moss Commissioner Katy Sorenson

I. SUMMARY

This item would amend the allocation of unexpended Safe Neighborhood Parks Bonds as follows:

	Current	<u>Amendment</u>
Homestead Equestrian Center	\$1,000,000	\$ 50,000
James Archer Smith Park		\$ 250,000
William F. "Bill" Dickinson Sr. Center		•
and implementation of a member tracking sys	tem	
that provides medical history tracking	÷	\$ 350,000
Angelo Mistretta Park		
and acquisition and installation of picnic table	s,	•
park benches, and game tables	•	\$ 150,000
Wittkop Park		\$ 200,000
*	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

II. PRESENT SITUATION

In 1996, the City of Homestead was awarded \$1,500,000 under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond for a new Homestead Equestrian Center (\$1,000,000) and Roby George Park for the development of the Phichol Williams Center (\$500,000).

The total cost of the new Equestrian Center is estimated at \$6.4 million, excluding the costs of land acquisition. To date, only \$50,000 has been spent in design of the Equestrian Center and a business plan has yet to be developed. However, the City of Homestead recently conducted a survey to assess the needs of the community and concluded that its residents were unsupportive of a new Equestrian Center.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

It is not uncommon for funds designated under bond issues to be reallocated when in the best interest of the County. At the Sept. 15, 2004 Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee, the City Attorney of Homestead stated that the Homestead Equestrian Center was not a line item included in the original referendum. It was actually approved at a later time by the City Council.

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If this reallocation is adopted, these capital improvement funds would be used to improve four city parks, instead of building a new Equestrian Center, in Homestead.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

None, as this is a reallocation of bond funds.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The Park and Recreation Department has indicated that the Tropical Equestrian Center does not operate at full capacity and the needs of the County can be met with one regional equestrian center. The 2004 Bond Issue includes \$10 million for expansion of the Tropical Equestrian Center.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO BAGGAGE WRAP CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH SECURE WRAP OF MIAMI, INC. EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR ONE FIVE-YEAR TERM AND MODIFYING MINIMUM ANNUAL GUARANTEE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BID REQUIREMENTS

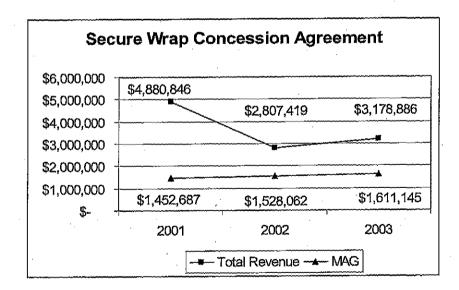
Aviation Department

I. SUMMARY

In 2001 Secure Wrap of Miami, Inc (Secure Wrap). entered into an agreement with Miami-Dade County to provide Baggage Wrap Concessions. Secure Wrap started providing services at Miami International Airport on August 22, 2001 less than a month before the Events of September 11, 2001 which resulted in reduce air traffic and Transportation Security Administration rules preventing bags from being wrapped. The Agreement expired August 21, 2004 and the Department recommends modifying the agreement allowing Secure Wrap the opportunity to recover lost revenues as a result of diminished sales.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

This Amendment if approved will be retroactive to August 22, 2004. Secure Wrap has come to an agreement with the TSA on modified procedures that allow them to continue providing baggage wrapping services at MIA. The 2004 Minimum Annual Guarantee was \$1,611,145.



III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

The Original Agreement was for three (3) years with four (4) one-year options to renew at the discretion of the County. The Amended agreement will extend the agreement by one (1) five-year option to renew.

A waiver of formal bid procedures pursuant to Section 4.03 (D) of the Home Rule Charter and Section 2-8.1(b) of the Code will be required to approve this agreement.

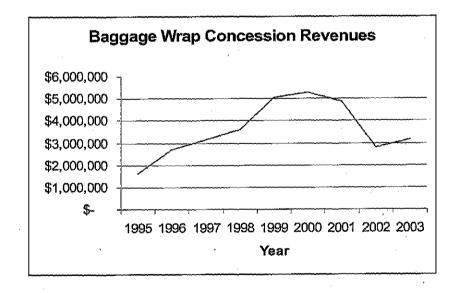
IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Minimum Annual Guarantee for the original three-year agreement was \$4,591,894. The Revised MAG for the new five-year term will be on a sliding scale.

Gross Revenue	Fee to County
\$0 - \$3,000,000	Greater of \$150,000 or 9% of Gross Revenue
\$3,000,001 - \$6,000-000	16% of Gross Revenue
\$6,000,001 and higher	20% of Gross Revenue

Projected 2003-2004 Gross Revenue of \$3,178,886 would result in a MAG of approximately \$508,622 under the Amended Agreement as opposed to \$1.6 million under the Original Agreement.

Here is a graph which plots Baggage Wrap Concession Revenues since 1995:



V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- The Department recommends this Amendment to the agreement in order to allow the vendor to recover lost revenues.
- It took approximately 2 ½ years between BCC approval of the RFQ and the Manager's recommendation and BCC approval in February of 2001.
- Secure Wrap has worked with the TSA to resolve some of their security issues.
- Secure Wrap is a DBE and has adopted a mentoring program with Hannah Wrap, Inc. a local BBE firm.

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT'S USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR CONTRACT NUMBER 6402-0/04 FORTY FOOT LOW FLOOR TRANSIT COACHES WITH NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF COACHES FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Miami-Dade Transit Agency

I. SUMMARY

This resolution seeks a reimbursement, from Transportation Surtax Funds, for Miami-Dade Transit for approximately \$29 million utilized for the purchase of 100 Forty foot Low-floor buses.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

In May 2000 the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the purchase of 321 40-foot Low-floor Coaches from North American Bus Industries (NABI). The contract contained an option for up to 321 additional buses for a possible 624 buses over five years.

The total cost of all 642 buses and associated equipment totaled \$182,274,757.

The original agenda item listed the following funding sources:

- FTA Bus Discretionary Funding
- FTA formula grants
- Local Option Gas Tax
- Leverage Lease deals

On November 5, 2002, the Charter County Transportation Surtax (.5% Surtax) was approved by the voters of Miami-Dade County for the implementation of the Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP). Contained in the PTP is a provision for the expansion of the County's Bus Fleet by approximately 491 buses.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

Because expansion of the Bus Fleet was included in the PTP, the cost of additional buses could be funded from the .5% Surtax.

However the PTP, in Exhibit 1, states that: "minibuses shall be used on all new routes..."

The contract with NABI being referenced by this item was approved for the replacement of "Large" 40 foot buses.

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However, because this contract was approved prior the passage of the Surtax and listed alternative funding sources, allowing reimbursement from the Surtax could set a dangerous precedent.

What if another Department request reimbursement, from the Surtax, for a project approved prior to the passage of the Surtax but is still consistent with projects listed in the PTP?

For example, the Public Works Department could contend that a road paving contract approved prior to the passage of the surtax could be eligible for reimbursement from the Transportation Surtax because "road paving" is listed in the PTP.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The total reimbursement for the 100 buses, and associated equipment, received to date would be \$29,163,021.

This represents approximately \$291,000 per bus and associated equipment.

However, if the funding source change is allowed, the total impact to .5% Surtax could be over \$182 million if this contract is fully utilized.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

On September 9, 2003 the BCC approved the advertisement of RFP No. 407 for the procurement of up to 400 "Small" Low-floor Transit Buses over a period of four (4) years.

The cost estimate presented in the RFP approved in September of 2003 was \$201,500,000 for 800 buses. (Approximately \$251,875 per bus)

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING FUTURISTIC BUS RAPID TRANSIT VEHICLES FOR THE SOUTH DADE BUSWAY

Commissioner Dennis C. Moss

I. SUMMARY

This resolution directs the County Manager to study the feasibility of utilizing more "Futuristic" type buses along the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route known as the South Miami-Dade Busway.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Presently, Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) utilizes mainly regular 40 Foot "Large" buses along the busway route.

Currently, at peak hours, 51 buses are required (plus 20% if need totaling a possible 61 buses) to meet the operational needs along the South Miami-Dade Busway.

In accordance with a current County contract with North American Bus Services, Inc. (NABI) each of the "regular" 40 Foot Buses costs the County approximately \$290,000 per bus and associated costs.

The following Cities are some the have begun to utilize more futuristic buses along BRT routes in an attempt to increase ridership.

- Los Angeles, California
- Eugene, Oregon
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Ottawa, Canada.
- Bogotá, Columbia
- · Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- · Boston, Mass.
- Phoenix, Arizona

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This would require different, and probably a bit more expensive, type of vehicle to operate along the busway (or BRT) in an attempt to increase ridership along the route.

The intent is that a more technologically advanced system would entice drivers out of their cars and help to relieve congestion along the US 1 corridor.

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Some technologies may include:

- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Wireless Internet Access
- Televisions on vehicles displaying news.
- Pre-paid fare collection systems which help to decrease the time spent at each stop.
- Systems to alert riders when the next bus will arrive at any given stop via their cell-phones.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

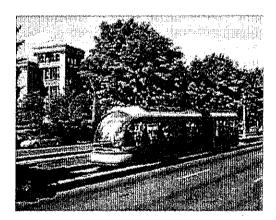
There would be some negative fiscal impact associated with increased price-per-bus for the more futuristic looking buses.

However, the level of increase would be dependent on the options negotiated into the new buses.

By 2007, when the extension to the busway is anticipated to be completed, it is estimated that it will require 95 buses (plus 20% spares for a total of 114 buses) to operate the busway during peak hours.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Below are some picture of types of buses utilized in some American Cities



Eugene, Oregon



Las Vegas, Nevada

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00035
BE APPROVED AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO
FLORIDA STATUTES S-288.106, CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMITMENTS OF
LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO.
05-00035 EXIST; AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF UP TO \$60,000 FROM
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS AS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF
FLORIDA QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX REFUND PROGRAM FOR FISCAL
YEARS 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 AND 2010 OR OVER A TIME PERIOD AS
DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN ITS APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL
PROJECT NO. 05-00035 APPLICATION WITH THE PROVISO THAT ANY TAX
ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00035 UNDER
FLORIDA STATUTE 196.1995 REDUCES ANY QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY TAX
REFUND TO CONFIDENTIAL PROJECT NO. 05-00035 BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY
SUCH TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE
288.106(5)9(C); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Office of Community and Economic Development

I. SUMMARY

The Office of Community and Economic Development recommends that the BCC approve the attached Qualified Target Industry (QTI) tax refund applications and agreements.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

The Qualified Target Industry (QTI) tax refund program is pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 288.106. The program's intent is to attract relocating out-of-area businesses and encourage expansion of existing local companies by providing a tax refund.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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Item	Project Name	New Jobs	New Capital Investment	QTI REFUND		Miami-Dade New Incremental Tax	Net Revenue Benefit to Miami-Dade (per Beacon)		
				TOTAL	STATE 80%	COUNTY 20%			
7K1A	Confidential 05-00035	60	1,911,000	300,000	240,000	60,000	105,797	45,797	1.76
	Confidential 05-00001	143	1,750,000	429,000	343,200	85,800	100,190	14,390	1.17

ROII – Return on Incentive Investment equals Miami-Dade New Tax Revenue Generated divided by the County's match.

The funding for the Miami-Dade County portion of the QTI shall come from the County's General Fund.

IV. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH AN ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE OUARTERLY REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM

Senator Javier D. Souto

I. SUMMARY

This resolution directs the County Manager to establish an Adopt-a-Park Program and to provide quarterly status reports on the program.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Adopt-a-Park Programs are public/private collaborations in which volunteers participate in park beautification and cleanup, construction projects and/or special events. Duties generally include, and are not limited to, picking up litter, watering small plants, painting playground equipment, planting flowers and raking leaves. Adoptees are also asked to participate at regular intervals, such as at least 4 to 6 times a year. In addition, a sign bearing the name of the adopting group or individual is also generally displayed in the adopted park. Variations of this program include Adopt-a-Beach, Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Park Bench or Adopt-a-Tree.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

In addition to fostering pride in the community, benefits of Adopt-a-Park programs include establishing a presence in the park, vandalism watch, graffiti reporting, and providing input on park development and use. It is also not uncommon for adoptees to do fundraising or provide equipment for certain projects.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

There may be minimal costs associated with monitoring the program (e.g. coordinating schedules, training and educating volunteers, creating and posting signs). However, these costs can be offset by the savings in County-funded maintenance that would have otherwise had to be performed.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The resolution does not specify when the program needs to be established by, only that it be established.

As an example, attached is the Adopt-a-Park Program guidelines and application for the City of Fort Collins, Colorado.

THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

WHAT IS ADOPT-A-PARK?

The primary purpose of this program is to assist city maintenance crews with assigned tasks and projects within a park in order to create a clean park environment for all to enjoy!

Tasks may include trash pickup, graffiti reporting, weeding/raking playgrounds, sweeping shelters, cleaning picnic tables, mulching trees/shrubs, restocking doggie bags, reporting vandalism, and some use of power tools. Adopters can also help with special projects, such as graffiti cover-up, painting projects and planting flowers. Some projects and tasks are not available year-round and may be available only at specific parks.

WHAT ARE THE ADOPT-A-PARK POLICIES?

- The Adopting organization commits to a one-year period of adoption. At the end of that year an organization can renew, change sections (if available) or terminate.
- 2. Because we are fortunate to have many volunteers looking for adoption opportunities, we have placed a two-year limit to this adoption opportunity. Meaning, at the end of your one-year term, you may adopt for another year. After that point, if no organization is waiting to adopt your park, you may adopt on a year by year basis.
- Monitoring of the park should be done on a regular basis, usually at least once a week during the warm season, and as weather permits in the cold season. Some sites may require additional time commitments.
- 4. The City of Fort Collins will provide trash bags and will be responsible for collecting and disposing of the filled bags. Doggie bags will also be provided for restocking bag containers.
- The City of Fort Collins will place a sign in your park crediting your organization for their assistance.
- An adopting organization may keep any and all proceeds from any material with recyclable value that is found.

City of Fort Collins - Parks Division Adopt-A-Park Program Application

Organization Information		paragraphy of the second of th
Organization Name: (Name on Adopt-A-Park sign will appear as wi	itten on this line)	
Organization Address:		
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Phone Number:		•
E-mail Address:		
Approximate Size of Membership:		
Name of Contact Person/ Phone Nu	mber:	
Address:		
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RESOLUTION REJECTING AND RE-ADVERTISING THE PROJECT ENTITLED DRAINAGE; PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD), PROJECT NUMBER 20030008 FOR PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Public Works Department

I. SUMMARY

The Public Works Department (PWD) is requesting approval to **Reject all Bids** associated with Drainage project No. 20030008 and Re-Advertise said project.

The Department estimate for this contract was \$1,000,000.

The following three proposals were received:

- Petro Hydro, Inc. \$ 1,844,398
- Pilome Engineering, Inc. \$2,591,035
- Williams Paving Company \$ 3,015,137

The Department contends that the lowest bidder, **Petro Hydro, Inc.**, was not in compliance with CSBE participation provisions after an evaluation by the Department of Business Development (DBD).

II. PRESENT SITUATION

There are currently a number of similar drainage projects being performed across Miami-Dade County.

On July 27, 2004, at the request of the Public Works Department, the Board of County Commissioners approved the awarding of Drainage Project No. 20030009 for \$1,000,000 to Petro Hydro, Inc.

At that time, **Petro Hydro**, **Inc.**, and their subcontractor were compliant for an identical contract.

To date, **Petro Hydro**, **Inc.**, has received approximately \$9,000,000 in previous business from the County in the past five (5) years.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This rejection would create further delays associated with this project.

Further, a rejection would allow other contractors as well as the two more expensive proposers listed above, to see the bid prices submitted by the lowest bidder.

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IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

This contract is estimated at \$1,000,000.

However, as with open contracts of this nature, it is not uncommon that Change Orders may be utilized to address new pay items during the term of this project.

PLEASE SEE COMMENT BELOW

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Why were the proposed prices for this contract so much higher than the estimated contract amount?

Petro Hydro, Inc. Pilome Engineering, Inc. Williams Paving Company 300% higher
300% higher

At least 2 of these 3 companies have had numerous projects with the County of a similar nature.

Was there a problem with the original estimate for this project?

RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDS AND APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO THE CONTRACT WITH HORSEPOWER ELECTRIC, INC., FOR ANNUAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT NO. 17 (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT NO. 671810)

Public Works Department

I. SUMMARY

This resolution requests a 100% Change Order (No. 1) to a contract with Horsepower Electric, Inc. for installation of Traffic Signal and/or Street Lighting.

The Public Works Department Claims (PWD) that this increase is needed to insure that traffic signal activities continue until a new contract can be implemented. (SEE Present Situation)

II. PRESENT SITUATION

This contract commenced on May 18, 2004.

According to handwritten pg. 18, no monies had been expended from this contract as of July 18, 2004.

****On July 27, 2004 the Board of County Commissioners approved an identical contract with Raydan Electric. The project description, and dollar amount for that contract were identical to the original project description and dollar amount awarded to Horsepower.

When the contract was awarded to Raydan, the Department contended that Raydan submitted the best price for the work proposed. Four bidders submitted proposals for that contract. Horsepower Electric, Inc. ranked last in pricing.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This would increase a current contract by 100%.

Change Orders are frequently used to obtain increased capacity within Open Contracts.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$1,000,000 increase to the contract (Represents a 100% increase)

Funding Source: 50% Road Impact Fees / 50% PTP Surtax)

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Why did the Department contend that this Change Order was needed until other contracts could be put in place when a new contract was put in place with Raydan in July 2004?

The Department contends that there is a need for increase capacity within this contract.

According to the Managers back-up memorandum pg. 18, there had been no monies expended through this contract as of July, 2004.

The three contracts currently in place for this type of work with Horsepower, Raydan, and Signal Services, Inc. were all originally awarded for \$1,000,000.

Why didn't the Department ask for \$2,000,000 originally if they knew the increased capacity was needed for this type of work?

Why did the department contend on page on pg. 3 of said memo that this was need until new contracts were in place when there is at least one other contract in place with Raydan?

Raydan, the Prime Contractor on the contract awarded in July is also a sub-contractor listed on this contract with Horsepower.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. THREE TO THE CONTRACT WITH H & J ASPHALT CO., INC., FOR QUALITY NEIGHBORHOODS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2 (QNIP-2) RESURFACING CONTRACT NO. 5 (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT NO. 629901)

Public Works Department

I. SUMMARY

This resolution is seeking approval for a Change Order (No.3) to a resurfacing contract with **H&J Asphalt Co.**, **Inc**. associated with the Quality Neighborhoods Improvement Program (QNIP) Contract No. 3.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

This contract was entered into in May 2002 for road resurfacing projects associated with the Quality Neighborhood improvements Program with a contract completion date of May 2003.

Change Order No. 1 added 8 new pay items.

Change Order No. 2 increased contract by \$300,000

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This Change order would allow 18 new pay items to be covered through this contract bringing the total new pay items added to this contract to 26.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

These new pay items will not result in any increase to the current Contract Amount.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Including this Change Order, the will have been an additional 26 new pay items added to this contract.

How can 18 new items be added to the Scope of Work for a contract, and the contract amount not change?

Was the original contract amount over inflated?

Why aren't these additional projects re-bid?

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The original contract completion date associated with this project was May 2003.

This completion date was extended 1 year to May 2004 by the Director of the Public Works Department.

Page 3 of the Manager's Memorandum states that due to an Inspector General's Audit of these types of projects, the Department has discontinued the use of these types of open contracts for time-sensitive small construction contracts.

If so, then why do we continue to see awards or adjustments to small "Open Contracts" come from the Department before the Board of County Commissioners?

Reference Item 7(P)(1)(Q) on same agenda.

Reference item 7(P)(1)(C) on same agenda.

Reference item 7(P)(1)(B) on same agenda.

Reference item 7(P)(1)(A) on same agenda.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAILING OF NOTICE AND WARNING WITH 2004 RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Senator Javier D. Souto

I. SUMMARY

This resolution directs the Manager to include a notice and warning regarding the Homestead Exemption (HEX) with the 2004 residential real property tax bill.

The <u>notice</u> (handwritten page 5, copy attached) would consist of eligibility criteria for the HEX and contact information for any questions. The <u>warning</u> specifies the penalties associated with improperly claiming the HEX.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

The 2004 tax bill is sent in October, shortly after the final millages and budget have been adopted. Property owners that qualify for the HEX do not need to reapply every year, but first time recipients must apply by March 1.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

While information regarding the HEX is widely available to the public, this notice would serve as a reminder to taxpayers, and the warning on penalties deter potential fraud.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

Minimal. Since this notice and warning will be sent with the October tax bill, no separate mailing is necessary.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Including this notice with the residential tax bill is logical since the HEX is an important and relevant part in the calculation of the bill.

The resolution specifies the notice will be included in the 2004 tax bill. Will this notice be included in future tax bills?

There is no requirement in the resolution that this notice also be in Spanish and Creole.

To increase the likelihood that penalties for fraud in the "warning" paragraph stand out, the penalties could be bolded or italicized (the owner or property shall be subject to taxes exempted...plus 15% interest, and a penalty of 50 percent of the taxes exempted...also subject to criminal prosecution...)

This item was forwarded without committee review because the tax bills must be mailed out be late October.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REMINDER

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is a reminder that in order to remain eligible for homestead exemption on your property, you must meet and maintain the following eligibility criteria:

- 1. You must have legal or equitable title to the property
- 2. You must permanently reside on the property
- 3. The property cannot be rented (Refer to Florida Statutes 196.061)
- You must permanently reside in the State of Florida
- You must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
- 6. You must file an application for homestead exemption by March 1 if:
 - a. You are a new owner of the property, or
 - b. There has been any change in ownership or use of the property

Florida Law prescribes that it is the duty of the owner of any property granted an exemption to notify the Property Appraiser promptly, whenever the use of the property or the status or condition of the owner changes, so as to change the exempt status of the property. If any owner fails to notify the Property Appraiser and the Property Appraiser determines that for any year within the prior ten years the owner was not entitled to receive homestead exemption and/or Amendment 10 assessment limitation, the owner or property shall be subject to the taxes exempted as a result of such failure, plus 15 percent interest per annum, and a penalty of 50 percent of the taxes exempted. Furthermore, anyone providing false information and improperly claiming homestead exemption may also be subject to criminal prosecution for tax fraud and/or other related crimes.

For any questions or to report homestead exemption fraud, please telephone 305-375-4054.

You may also contact the Property Appraisal Department via the Internet at www.miamidade.gov/pa

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. FRED STOCK AND ALBERT COLLAZO

Clerk of the Board

I. SUMMARY

Appointments to the Health Council of South Florida, Inc. from the Health Council of South Florida's Nominating Committee.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

Please see the attached listing of Board Members.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

N/A

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

N/A

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None



Clerk of the Board COUNTY BOARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Miami-Dade County, Florida



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HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA

AUTHORITY

408.033, FLORIDA STATUTE

DESCRIPTION

TO FORECAST THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF FLORIDA'S GROWING POPULATION;
RECOMMEND CHANGES IN THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM TO MAKE IT MORE
RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS; COLLECT, ANALYZE AND INTERPRET HEALTH CARE
DATA TO ACHIVE MORE EFFECTIVE SERVICES DELIVERY; DEVELOP PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIPS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS; ASSURE SERVICE THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF
CHILDERN, THE DISABLED, THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS AND OTHER
CHRONIC CONDITIONS; PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE HEALTH CARE POLICY; EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND INCREASE AWARENESS OF HEALTH ISSUES; DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES TO

MEET LOCAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS.

COMPOSITION

TWELVE (12) MEMBERS: EIGHT (8) MEMBERS APPOINTED BY HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOOUTH FLORIDA; RATIFIED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMMISSION AND FOUR (4) MEMBERS

APPOINTED BY MONROE COUNTY.

QUALIFICATION

RESIDENTS OF THE APPOINTING COUNTY DISTRICT.

MEMBER NAME	TERM	CATEGORY	APPOINTED/NOMINATED BY
CASTELL VAUGHN BRYANT 950 NW 20TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33127	9/23/2003 TO 9/23/2005	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - PROVIDER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ALBERT COLLAZO	9/1/2004 TO 9/30/2006	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - PURCHASER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
PAUL A. GLUCK 8950 N. KENDALL DR. STE. 507 MIAMI, FL 33176	5/24/2001 TO 5/24/2003	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - PROVIDER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
CHARLES GRAY	12/4/2000 TO 12/4/2003	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - CONSUMER >60	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
LIZ KERN	7/31/2000 TO 7/31/2002	MONROE COUNTY - PROVIDER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
MICHAEL LANNON P.O. BOX 1788 KEY WEST, FL 33041-1788	7/1/2000 TO 7/1/2004	MONROE COUNTY - PURCHASER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ANA MEDEROS 651 EAST 25TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33013	7/27/2004 TO 7/27/2006	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - PROVIDER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
DEBRA PREMAZA	7/1/2001 TO 7/1/2004	MONROE COUNTY - PROVIDER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ANN RHODE	7/2/2001 TO 7/2/2003	MONROE COUNTY - CONSUMER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
MAX B. ROTHMAN 3000 NE 151 STREET NORTH MIAMI, FL 33181-3000	5/24/2001 TO 5/24/2003	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - PURCHASER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
ANA RITA VELAZQUEZ TWO ALHAMBRA PLAZA # 700 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134	9/23/2003 TO 9/23/2005	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY - PROVIDER	HEALTH COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA
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RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION APPLYING FOR FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES, FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THE AWARDED FUNDS

Library Department

I. SUMMARY

This resolution ratifies the County Manager's action in applying for State Aid to Libraries funds from the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services for FY04-05. It also authorizes the receipt and expenditure of these funds.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

For the past several years, the County has applied for and received State funds to aid in the operation and maintenance of free library service.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

None. A new application is required every year.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

The actual award amount is based on the Library's actual operating expenses in the prior year, and will not be known until the end of the legislative session usually in December of the grant year. According to the Library Department, a significant decrease would have a negative impact on their operating budget (less new books and general operating expenditures), but would not be catastrophic because state aid represents a very small percentage (2.38%) of the total budget of \$84 million.

The projected/budgeted grant amount for FY04-05 is \$2.0 million. The current year grant was \$2.6 million.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

A ratification is required because the application had to be filed by Oct. 1, 2004 (it was filed in August).